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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—
"We made no enquiries. But if there was any such thing, we would have surely heard of it. Hon. Members would have put some questions about it even earlier."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"What is the meaning of the Government saying they have no reason to suppose that the volunteers were ill-treated?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—
"I have already answered that."

Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu:—"Did the Government find out whether there was any truth in the allegations of the leading advocates of Bezwada?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—
"I shall examine the question."

Police

Expenditure on feeding the Police on account of the civil disobedience movement.

* 94 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total expenditure incurred on feeding the Police in the province on account of the civil disobedience movement up to and since the end of March 1932, respectively; and

(*b*) whether the Police concerned were not paid their usual batta and allowance during the time they were fed by the Government; and, if they were not, the amount so saved in batta and allowance?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not got the requisite information, but have called for it.

Forest

Withdrawal of grazing privilege in the Reserve Forests in South Kanara.

* 95 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Collector has stopped the privilege of allowing the cattle to graze in reserve forests in the districts of South Kanara since 1st June 1932;

(*b*) whether the people of Todikana village and other places filed petitions against the said order of the Collector, to the Collector; if so, whether the hon. Member will be pleased to lay the same on the table of the House; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken on the same or propose to take?

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A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) Copy[a] of a petition presented to the Collector by the residents of Todikana village against an order of the Collector closing the Todikana Reserve Forest to grazing is placed on the table of the House.

(*c*) The Government are awaiting a report from the Collector.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know whether the Collector's report has been received now?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know if the Government will consider the desirability of withdrawing their orders if they find that there are not sufficient grazing grounds in the villages adjoining the areas now closed to grazing?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member after the report of the Collector is received."

Prisons and Prisoners

Application of a political prisoner for permission to appear for the B.L. Degree Examination.

* 96 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. N. Bapirazu, B class political prisoner in Cuddalore jail, put in a petition asking for permission to appear for the B.L. examination;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the permission sought for was not given; and

(*c*) if so, why?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government do not consider that prisoners should be given the concession.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know why the Government do not consider that prisoners should be given this concession?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Government do not consider that a person who has broken the law should be allowed to appear for an examination while he is in prison."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Did not the Government give a similar concession on previous occasions?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I myself did it. But subsequently I thought it was a mistake."

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